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Chairman: Mrs. BADRAN

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The (public) meeting was called to order at 5.45 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON ITS THIRD SESSSION (Future CRC/C/...)

51. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS (Rapporteur), introducing the draft report, briefly reviewed its three major sections: the conclusions and recommendations adopted by the Committee, the summary of the discussions on the various agenda items, and the annexes.

52. Mr. KOLOSOV regretted that the Committee did not have more time to consider the draft report. Turning to the draft provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Committee (chapter VI of the draft report), he said that he regarded consideration of State party reports as one of the Committee's main functions. That question should therefore be among the first items on the agenda and not in eighth place.

53. Mr. HAMMARBERG said that, while he took Mr. Kolosov's point, the order in which the agenda items were listed did not in any way reflect an order of priority. Moreover, nobody would understand why the Committee should decide, after three sessions, to alter the order of the agenda items by placing the question of the consideration of State party reports at the beginning of the list of matters to be dealt with.

54. Mr. KOLOSOV proposed that the wording of item 4 of the draft provisional agenda ("Report on the World Conference on Human Rights") should be amended by replacing the first reference to "on" by "of". He pointed out that it was not a matter of examining a report on the Conference but, rather, the report of the Conference and, more precisely, the implementation of the decisions taken by the participants for the better protection of the rights of the child.

55. Mrs. SANTOS PAIS said that the draft provisional agenda was intended to provide a list of all the questions that the Committee was to take up. It was important that States parties should be informed in that way of the Committee's many fields of interest and also made aware of how little time it had to consider everything. In regard to the wording of item 4 of the draft provisional agenda, she proposed that the words "Report on the" should be deleted. Since she would be unable to attend the Committee's closing meeting, she would ask the Chairman to take into account the concerns of members in any further consideration of the report.

56. The CHAIRMAN thanked Mrs. Santos Pais for the draft report she had introduced. It was regrettable that the Committee did not have more time to consider her report in greater detail and it was to be hoped that, in future, a solution would be found to give members the time necessary to study the Committee's draft report at greater length before adopting it. She declared the draft report submitted by Mrs. Santos Pais adopted, subject to the amendments to the draft agenda for the fourth session agreed on by the members of the Committee.

The meeting rose at 6.10 p.m.